What is claimed is:

1. An electroluminescent (EL) device comprising a substrate having a light-emitting portion and a sealing member, wherein the sealing member seals the light emitting portion and a groove accommodating a sealant is formed in at least one of seal portions of the substrate and the sealing member.

2. The EL device of claim 1, wherein the groove has a height of about 1 to about 200 μm.

3. The EL device of claim 1, wherein the groove has a width of about 0.5 to about 3 mm.

4. The EL device of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member has substantially no gap.

5. The EL device of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member has substantially no gap.

6. The EL device of claim 3, wherein at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and at least a portion of a peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member has substantially no gap.

7. The EL device of claim 1, wherein the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member are spaced apart from each other by at least one spacer included in the sealant.

8. The EL device of claim 2, wherein the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member are spaced apart from each other by at least one spacer included in the sealant.

9. The EL device of claim 3, wherein the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the substrate and the peripheral portion of the seal portion of the sealing member are spaced apart from each other by at least one spacer included in the sealant.

10. The EL device of claim 7, wherein some of the spacers are disposed between at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the substrate seal portion and at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the sealing member seal portion.

11. The EL device of claim 8, wherein some of the spacers are disposed between at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the substrate seal portion and at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the sealing member seal portion.

12. The EL device of claim 9, wherein some of the spacers are disposed between at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the substrate seal portion and at least a portion of the peripheral portion of the sealing member seal portion.

13. The EL device of claim 10, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter in the range of approximately 1 to approximately 25 μm.

14. The EL device of claim 11, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter in the range of approximately 1 to approximately 25 μm.

15. The EL device of claim 12, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter in the range of approximately 1 to approximately 25 μm.

16. The EL device of claim 7, wherein at least one spacer is accommodated in the groove.

17. The EL device of claim 8, wherein at least one spacer is accommodated in the groove.

18. The EL device of claim 9, wherein at least one spacer is accommodated in the groove.

19. The EL device of claim 16, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter equal to a sum of a height of the groove and the height of the gap.

20. The EL device of claim 17, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter equal to a sum of the height of the groove and the height of the gap.

21. The EL device of claim 18, wherein each of the spacers has a diameter equal to a sum of a height of the groove and the height of the gap.

22. The EL device of claim 19, wherein the height of the gap is approximately 0.1 μm.

23. The EL device of claim 20, wherein the height of the gap is approximately 0.1 μm.

24. The EL device of claim 21, wherein the height of the gap is approximately 0.1 μm.